

Weekly Views

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"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time." ~ John Lubbock

An American Correctional Association audit team recommended Wabash Valley Correctional Facility for re-accreditation and gave the facility an impressive 98.9% score. The audit team praised the facility for its knowledgeable and hospitable staff, commitment to public safety, advanced security, and ultra-clean physical plant.

Pendleton Juvenile and Camp Summit Boot Camp were successful in their bid to secure National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grants. The grants will be used to purchase equipment to improve their food service program and to benefit student training in the IN2Work program.

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility recently assisted the Plainfield Optimist Club by cleaning youth football equipment for the upcoming season. Residents of the facility assisted with this project as a way to give back to the community and support the local youth recreation program.

Several members of NABCJ and their families participated in the 5k Homeless Walk held at Veterans Memorial for Homeward Bound Central Indiana. In addition to the walk, the members collectively managed to raise \$280 for the Midtown Town Mental Health Agency and Second Helpings as their contribution to homeless service providers.

Ten staff from the New Castle Correctional Facility cooked and served breakfast for 150 youth attending the Henry County Sheriff's Summer Camp this week.

WRTV Reporter Sarah Cornell visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to do a story on the facility's Reality Check program. The program provides an opportunity for at-risk youth to hear offenders communicate the factors and circumstances that led to their incarceration with the hope of deterring young people from a life of crime. Indiana State Prison and Miami Correctional Facility have similar programs.

Plainfield Correctional Facility held an academic graduation ceremony for 130 offenders. Offenders were recognized for completing ESL, GED studies, vocational classes, Associate's Degrees, and Bachelor's Degrees. Families were able to attend the ceremony to see their loved ones gain recognition for their accomplishments.

Indiana State Prison hosted two family day celebrations this week. One family day was for the Inside/Out Dad program in celebration of the class' graduation and to help foster positive family ties. The Native American Religious Community also held a family day.

The Indianapolis Parole Office had two teams of agents who participated in sweeps resulting in two paroled offenders being arrested for parole violations and new criminal charges and one offender, with a nominal amount of marijuana, receiving consideration of no action being taken, based on the nearness of his maximum release date.

A Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program was held at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. Ten offenders and their spouse or significant other participated in the weekend event.

The Pendleton AMVETS organization recently donated nine bicycles to the Pendleton Correctional Facility Shifting Gears operation for restoration. Also this week, two reconditioned bikes were donated to the Helping Homeless Veterans and Families organization.

Miami Correctional Facility recently hosted two graduation ceremonies for more than 269 offenders who completed various educational programs. More than 170 offenders earned college degrees, with the rest earning certificates of completion and licenses in vocational and GED programs.

Correctional Officer Casey Shook from New Castle Correctional Facility was temporarily assigned to the Sheriff's Department this week (compliments of GEO) to assist as a camp counselor for 150 juveniles attending the Sheriff's Summer Camp. The program provides direction and assistance to troubled youth in the community.

A golf driving range has been created at the Pendleton Correctional Facility for use by facility staff, contractual employees, and their dependents during off-duty hours.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner